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REMARKS

counsel for the applicants thanks the examiner for the helpful interview, which was
 on June 11, 2008.

Claims 2, 4-7, 9, and 15-20, 22 and 23-30 are pending. Claims 24-30 are new. Claims 1,
 3, and 21 have been canceled. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and
 of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 2, 7, 9, 15, 19, and 22-23 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated
 by Pub. No. 2004/0053044, Moreno ("Moreno"). Claims 4-6, 16-18, and 20 were
 rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moreno in view of alleged mere
 change of component. The independent claims are amended, for example, "wherein
 said release sheet comprises a base material and an adhesive layer, the adhesive layer being
 disposed between the base material and the release sheet so that the release sheet is releasably
 adhered to the adhesive layer of the adhesive sheet portions, wherein the base material and the
 adhesive layer are made of different materials" (claim 2). Support for the amendment is located
 in the application as filed, for example, FIG. 1, FIG. 2, FIG. 5. Claims 4, 7, 16, 17 and 20 are
 amended to recite that "said protective member ... is ... shaped to intrude between the adhesive
 sheet portions so as to partially overlap said adhesive sheet in a radial direction of a roll when
 said release sheet is wound longitudinally into thea roll" (claim 4). Support for this amendment
 is located for example page 5, lines 18-23.

Moreno fails to teach or suggest, for example, that "the release sheet is releasably
 adhered to the adhesive layer of the adhesive sheet portions" as recited in the amended
 independent claims. Because the release sheet is releasably adherent to the adhesive layer of the
 adhesive sheet portions, the base material and the adhesive layer are peeled off together from the

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release sheet. The adhesive-side surface of the release sheet is different from the other side of the release sheet. To the contrary, the adhesive layer is not provided on the first side of the backing layer increases the adhesion of the adhesive layer to the backing layer. Moreno's adhesive layer is provided on the first side of the backing layer and a low adhesion backside (LAB) layer is provided on the second side of the backing layer. This is the opposite of the claimed invention.

release sheet has a release property. In Moreno, the release sheet is different from the backing layer because the primer layer is provided on the first side of the backing layer. Moreno's adhesive layer is provided on the first side of the backing layer and a low adhesion backside (LAB) layer is provided on the second side of the backing layer. This is the opposite of the claimed invention.

In addition, according to claim 17 and 20, the protective member is shaped to intrude between the adhesive sheet portions in a radial direction of a roll when said laminate is wound longitudinally into the roll. The examiner contends that Moreno's protective member (18) partially overlaps a side of the adhesive (20). The overlapping direction of the protective member (18) is the planar direction of the tape. On the other hand, in the current claims, the protective member is shaped to intrude between the adhesive sheet portions in a radial direction. In the advisory action, the examiner suggests clearly re-examination. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request that the examiner carefully reconsider the grounds of rejection.

17 and 20, the protective member is shaped to intrude between the adhesive sheet portions in a radial direction of a roll when said laminate is wound longitudinally into the roll." The protective member (18) partially overlaps a side of the adhesive (20). The overlapping direction of the protective member (18) is the planar direction of the tape. On the other hand, in the current claims, the protective member is shaped to intrude between the adhesive sheet portions in a radial direction. In the advisory action, the examiner suggests clearly re-examination. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request that the examiner carefully reconsider the grounds of rejection.

For at least these reasons, the combination of features recited in independent claims 2, 4, 7, 16, 17, 19 and 20, when interpreted in light of the references of record. In addition, Moreno fails to show other recited elements as well.

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patentable for this additional reason. Support for the amendment is located for e in FIG.

2. Moreno paragraph [0019] discloses that the adhesive segment can be "dot- and
stripes" where the stripe "is a long narrow band" which can be annular. How- tails to
teach or suggest a "planar form that is ring shaped with a central hole-punch p- adhesive
sheet, which particularly suitable for use with an optical disc.

New claims 24-30 are added to recite "a protective portion provided in as
contact and coextensive with the protective member on a side opposite from case
sheet, wherein the protective member comprises the protective portion and a s- esive
sheet portion which is different from said plurality of adhesive sheet portions. and
adhesive sheet portion being a different layer than the protective portion." The oms recite
features of the protective member, shown for example in FIG. 6, which is absent the prior
art references, and are believed to be allowable for this additional reason.

The applicants respectfully submit that, as described above, the cited art u show or
suggest the combination of features recited in the claims. The applicants do not de that the
cited art shows any of the elements recited in the claims. However, the applica e provided
specific examples of elements in the claims that are clearly not present in the c-

The applicants strongly emphasize that one reviewing the prosecution h- ould not
interpret any of the examples applicants have described herein in connection w- inguishing
over the cited art as limiting to those specific features in isolation. Rather, for of
simplicity, the applicants have provided examples of why the claims described re
distinguishable over the cited references.

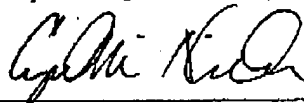
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In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any problems with the payment of fees, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,



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